

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word.

1. She managed to keep her ..... throughout the ordeal.

sanity  
sanctity  
serenity

Sanity means mental health.

2. His ..... hurt her feelings.

irony  
sarcasm

Either could be used here

Sarcasm means ridicule or taunt. Irony is a figure of speech.

3. .... people tend to lose friends quickly.

Ironic  
Sarcastic

Either could be used here

Sarcastic means contemptuous.

4. He watched his enemies turn against each other with  
..... amusement.

satirical  
sardonic

Sardonic means cynical. Satirical means ironically critical.

5. The poor man received a ..... beating from the thugs.

savage  
sardonic

savory

Savage means brutal, barbaric.

6. Voltaire's *Candide* is a famous .....

satire

irony

sarcasm

Satire means comic criticism.

7. The hurricane caused ..... damage.

irrepressible

irresistible

irreparable

Irreparable means beyond repair.

8. The partners' differences seem .....

Irrefutable

Irreconcilable

Irreconcilable means unadjustable.

9. .... romantics are always falling in love.

Inveterate

invertebrate

invigorate

Inveterate means die-hard.

10. His ..... sense of humor helped him through hard times.

invisible

invincible

invincible

Invincible means unconquerable.

11. The door opens .....

inward

inwards

Either could be used here

Inward and inwards can be used as an adverb.

12. The ..... train derailed.

inward

inwards

Either could be used here

Inwards cannot be used as an adjective.

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## Answers

1. She managed to keep her sanity throughout the ordeal.
2. His sarcasm hurt her feelings.
3. Sarcastic people tend to lose friends quickly.
4. He watched his enemies turn against each other with sardonic amusement.
5. The poor man received a savage beating from the thugs.
6. Voltaire's Candide is a famous satire.
7. The hurricane caused irreparable damage.
8. The partners' differences seem irreconcilable.
9. Inveterate romantics are always falling in love.
10. His invincible sense of humor helped him through hard times.
11. The door opens inward / inwards.
12. The inward train derailed.